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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION

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1. It is recommended that page 4 of the attached memo be generalized to read substantially as follows:

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"Even before a Governmental Agency, such as the Voice, can say anything, it should be possible and desirable for reliable and democratically oriented emigre and other unofficial individuals and organizations, with the guidance and support of the appropriate Agency of the Government, to issue appeals to put an end to Stalin's clique of lieutenants and to establish a free democratic Russia."

2. The purpose of the rewording is:

a. To eliminate reference to a particular (and in this case obscure) emigre group in a policy paper of this general nature.

b. To correct the impression that no machinery presently exists for fostering and maintaining relationships with emigre groups who are democratically oriented.

3. As presently written, the memorandum implies that organizations would have to be selected and supported for the particular purpose of issuing statements at the time of Stalin's death, and lays down the criteria for selecting such organizations. OPC is already in touch with, and is supporting a number of carefully-chosen emigre organizations. OPC's charter in this field should be protected, and covert support for organizations useful for the dissemination of anti-communist propaganda and activities should continue under OPC control as part of a continuous program of developing and exploiting anti-communist organizations for use in the general and long-term struggle with Stalin. Such organizations will be available for use in connection with such ad hoc emergencies as Stalin's death.

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4. As presently worded, the memorandum can be interpreted as seeking policy approval for the cultivation of unidentified organizations, in an undetermined manner, by unspecified agencies of the Government for use in the particular event of Stalin's death. It is believed that such a proposal should be resisted.

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